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CLAIMS BIG GRAFT IN SCHOOL

IN IMPASSIONED ADDRESS TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS BEEN ROBBED OF HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS—SCANDAL WOULD NOT DOWN—BILLS FOR DESKS AND CHAIRS CLAIMED EXORBITANT—A SECRET CONTRACT ONE OF THE CHARGES.

Charges of actual fraud and graft of collusion and of clandestine deals were made last night at the meeting of the county commissioners by District Attorney Roberts.

The charges were made in connection with the purchase of desks and chairs for the new school building and Roberts exhibited letters and papers to prove that what he charged was true, and offered to go into court and show that what he said was right.

It all came about when Attorney Platt, representing the Whitaker & Ray company, of San Francisco, presented a bill to the county commissioners amounting to \$2385.10, and asked the commissioners to instruct the county superintendent of schools to either reject or approve the bill, so that his clients could get the money.

Roberts, who is ex-officio school superintendent, jumped to his feet and asked for time to get papers from his desk. When he procured them he began a speech to the commissioners and those present that has seldom been equalled in this city.

"I want the county commissioners to know that there has been fraud in this matter," he declared. "I want every one within reach of my voice to know that the old school board allowed the Whitaker & Ray company to rob the people of this district out of hundreds of dollars. I want to say here and now that I will not let this matter in the courts or any other place as long as I hold office and that I will not consent to the payment of this, an exorbitant bill."

"I charge the company that secured this contract with collusion, and the agents that came here to bid on this contract with collusion, and the old board, whether innocently or not, allowed this company to rob the people of this district not only on this bill, but on one that has not yet been presented."

"This bill for \$2385.10 has been scaled \$309.80 on account of freight charges, and \$10 on account of error. It calls for freight on the desks sold in this district at the rate of \$1.55 a hundred, when the amount actually paid was \$1.02 per hundred, and the old board approved this bill."

The old board also ordered by secret contract, one for which bids were never asked, a contract for 337 chairs at \$1.20 each when the same chairs can be laid down here for \$2.10. If not the same chairs, chairs that comply in construction with the same specifications, and here is a letter and bid that proves it," and he showed the letter from a school supply company.

"That contract was signed by Trustee Cutts at his house, after Trustees Stewart and Meder had signed it, and Cutts has said that he is sorry he ever signed it. That bill has not yet been presented for payment, and I ask why? The bill before you is exorbitant for the reason that the same

380 desks, or better, were placed in a school house to my certain knowledge for 43 cents less than they were put in ours. In addition to that is the difference between the freight rate of \$1.55 and \$1.02 per hundred pounds. Why did the school board allow that bill?

"The bill has been through the appraiser's committee and has been allowed by this committee for \$2065, and I still refuse to sign a warrant for payment of it because I know that it is exorbitant."

"The old school board has obligated this district to pay this money to Whitaker & Ray in spite of the fact that this over charge was pointed out to the members. The board also, ten days before the contract was ordered, entered into a secret contract with Whitaker & Ray to buy opera chairs at over twice what they could be laid down in this city."

"I shall neither sign the warrant for the desks, nor the warrant for the chairs until the matter is thrashed out in the courts, and as Mr. Platt, the attorney for the company has taken this precaution in order to perfect his dealings, I hereby give notice that I will fight it with all the resources at my command, because I believe a fraud has been committed and I will not stand for it as long as I am in office."

When Roberts finished, consternation was depicted on almost every face in the council chamber. Atty. Platt addressed the commissioners, stating that he knew nothing of fraud, and that he is no party to it, merely asking the desired action of the commissioners in order to comply with all the laws on the subject of payment of school moneys.

The commissioners took the matter under advisement.

During his address to the commissioners, Roberts stated that he is at a loss to know who is the agent for the Whitaker & Ray company as one Pratt and a Mrs. M. M. Garwood both have appeared to be acting in that capacity. Pratt was here when the contract was awarded, and Mrs. Garwood has made the statement that she is anxious for the bill to be paid so that she could get her commission.

It is also stated that the minutes of the meeting of the school board bear no mention of the contract for the 337 opera chairs, and that there is a question as to the legality of the contract for those chairs, on account of the manner in which they were awarded.

It will be remembered that Mr. Mulcahy, of the Carson News and Stationery Co, charged as long ago as last winter that an attempt had been made to get him to enter into a combination to bid on the desks and chairs. Mulcahy was unable to secure the contract, and, after stating his position, and the fact that he had been invited to enter the combination, dropped the matter.

According to the figures of the district attorney, the desks and chairs cost the district \$4,926.40, on the two contracts, one awarded after bids had been advertised, and one awarded before the expiration of the first period of advertisement of bids. In this connection the district attorney stated that Trustee Meder called him up on the phone and asked that the time of advertisement be shortened, but that he would not consent to it. He pointed to a witness to this conversation, as to his part.

The amount stated as over and above what should have been paid for the desks and chairs is \$1326.40, divided as follows: On the opera chairs the difference on 337 chairs between \$1.90 and \$2.10, amounting to \$943.60, and the difference in freight between \$1.55 and \$1.02 per hundred, amounting to \$63, total, \$1006.60; on the desks, the amount deducted by the board of appraisers, \$309.80, and \$10 error in the bill, amounting to, in both bills, \$1,326.40.

Geo. Sloyers, chairman of the board of appraisers that scaled the desk bill \$309.80 said this morning: "There is no question that there was collusion in the matter, but just where it is would be a hard thing to prove. I am with the district attorney in his stand and hope it will be uncovered."

Prof Howe said this morning: "It was a most reprehensible thing to award the contract for the opera chairs without advertising for bids, and Mr. Cutts told me he was sorry the minute he signed the contract."

The district attorney states that the contracts were never turned over to the new school board officially, but as Mr. Meder is a hold over trustee, he has been asked for an accounting from the old board to the new board, elected recently.

Trustee von Radesky stated this afternoon that the matter of the desks and chairs is only one of about \$3000 that the new board wants to see an account for, and that so far the new board has been unable to get such an accounting.

Meder, the only hold over trustee, who acted as clerk of the old board, said this afternoon that the minutes of the old board are complete with the exception of one day's proceedings, and that the contracts and bills are in the hands of attorneys.

It is stated that the new board has no inventory of the property of the school district and has been unable to compile one. Von Radesky is authority for the statement that the affairs of the old board are in such shape that there is a question as to the legality of certain contracts, and that the new board is simply waiting to have the matters cleared up on the minutes and records in order to take proper steps.

The sensational charge of Roberts last night at the commissioner's meeting has stirred the city to the depths of its official life. Roberts declares that he will pursue the matter until it is all cleared up.

From the tone of statements of parties interested, it is believed that the matter of desks and chairs is only one of several that will be dragged out into the light of day where the courts will have a chance to settle what has been the proper procedure and what has not.

In all the statements made there are no direct charges of graft or fraud made against any member or members of the old school board, and the district attorney says that he charges no fraud, other than that in the manner in which the bids were made and the contract carried out by the Whitaker Ray company, with the approval and consent of the old school board.

RICKEY DECLINES GOLD BRICK

T. B. Rickey, cattle and land magnate has again emphatically declined to allow his name to be used in connection with the Republican gubernatorial nomination. A few days ago several persons at Virginia City wired him if he would consent to the use of his name by his friends. He replied that he was not a candidate and under no consideration would he become one.

JUMPS TO HER DEATH

BOSTON, July 19.—A young woman who was registered at the hotel Touraine as Mrs. J. Samuel Piza of New York was terribly injured shortly before midnight by jumping from the window on the sixth floor of the hotel.

Perfect lenses give your eyes rest and comfort, the only kind Dr. Goldberg uses. In the glasses he prescribes. Examination free. Room 36, Park Hotel.

NEW STYLES AND FANCIES

It is quite the correct thing now with the up to date "dreser" to wear different glasses for the varying pursuits. There are glasses for the office and glasses for the street, glasses for work and glasses for "dress-up." There are many things about glasses that I will be pleased to show you. Eyes tested free. Glasses fitted if you need them. Dr. Goldberg, Graduate Refractionist, Room 36, Park Hotel.

Have you registered. The register closes this year on September 10th.

BREVITIES

Dick Bright tried to buy a lot in Ramsey yesterday. The best he could do was to lease one for his purpose as a high rental.

A huge electric power plant is being put up on the east Walker river.

The mine operators at Ramsey, it is stated, have made an agreement on wages with the miners of \$4 a day.

Assistant Manager Kingsbury, of the O'Bannon ranch, with his bride, passed through to Wellington this morning.

The Selby Smelting company is to begin work on a large scale in June.

A row has started over a statement that J. M. Fulton has withdrawn on a stock deal.

Mrs. Miller, formerly Miss Pearl Werner, of this city, died in Hobart yesterday after an illness of a month. Her infant child is doing well.

J. B. Vieira will get in a new front for Regan Bros. to be of soon.

It is said that some of the rich claims in Ramsey are partly in Storey and in Lyon counties.

SHORT
Louis Boyer and Mrs. Boyer are in the city for a few days stay.

A number of Dayton and Ramsey men are here on business.

It looks as if Carson City would be one of the growing cities before long.

LACE PETTICOATS AT \$200 A THROW-WHEW

Lace petticoats say style experts, have supplanted the silk garment. The new skirts are expensive.

What is more expensive than silk? Lace!

That may account for silk petticoats going out of style. All the shop windows have stacks of silk petticoats scattered about alluringly with bargain day prices on them.

When a fashionable woman steps out of her automobile and lifts her skirt daintily, it is not a flame of pleated silk that is seen; but billows of soft lace, rows and layers of it, show about the big heeled boots.

The silk petticoat has reigned for 12 years—absolutely, irrevocably unfalteringly, irresistibly—until women began to look upon it as a thing to stay forever.

But that was before women got together and figured out what are the most expensive things on earth.

The lace petticoat has at last come into its own.

It is made with a full lace flounce with two narrow flounces underneath, each with its load of lace, so that when a woman lifts her gown nothing but lace is displayed, not the mere suggestion of a piece of lawn to hold the skirt together.

Silk petticoats can now be purchased for \$5. For \$10 a stunning silk petticoat, that formerly cost \$25 can be obtained.

But for not less than \$10 can even the most ordinary lace petticoat be purchased, and then it is such a common little thing that a real fashionable woman would not wear it. For \$20 a very good lace petticoat can be bought.

The lace petticoats are made of rare Valenciennes at times, and then the price is enormous for just the lace may cost \$200. Various other real or imitation laces are used, but the real Valenciennes is most expensive.

A new line of Eastman Kodaks has arrived at Kitzmeyer's drug store.

Just the thing for campers and to take on a vacation trip.

DON'T WORRY, WATCH US GROW

The county commissioners met last night and adopted the plat of the Valley Park town site, as shown on a map filed with that body by the attorney for the company, Samuel Platt, Esq.

After the meeting of the commissioners, the city trustees met and took the same action. The plat lies both in the county and in the city and action by both civic bodies was necessary.

After this matter was disposed of, an application was made to the board for a street car franchise which was taken under advisement. The new line is projected from Shaw's Springs to Valley Park, and is a move with the general improvements to be made in the city.

Don't worry, watch us grow. If you can't boost don't knock and Carson City will come to the front as the best place in the State, and one of the best on the coast, in which to own a home.

THESE ARE SHORT ONES

How much did you put up for a chair in the school house?

Supr. Brohl left this morning for Virginia City, enroute to Ramsey to look for possible electric power extensions.

It is stated that a new deal is in the mining district of Ramsey.

Abe Cohn returned from the lake last night.

P. G. Lewis left tonight for Tonah for a few weeks stay.

The whole State is beginning to take notice that Carson City is on the verge of a boom.

J. L. Mench and wife returned to their home in Reno last night.

Things are booming in the Washoe district.

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Elliot F. Shepard, grandson of the late William F. Vanderbilt, has been sent to prison in France for running over a girl with his automobile.

LADY CURZON EXPIRES FROM HEART FAILURE

LONDON, July 19.—Lady Curzon of Kedleston, wife of the former Viceroy of India, who has been ill some time, died last night at 5:30 o'clock. She never quite recovered from her serious illness at Walmer Castle, Kent, in 1904, and the recent hot weather brought on a pronounced attack of general debility.

Lady Curzon was Miss Mary Leiter, daughter of the late Levi Z. Leiter of Chicago.

Lost—Between Golden's jewelry store and Kitzmeyer's drug store, a pocket book containing two five dollar gold pieces. Finder will be rewarded by returning it to Mrs. J. P. Sweeney.

FOR SALE—A good second hand bath tub for sale cheap. Formerly \$27, now \$10. Inquire this office.

All eye defects begin in a small way and grow into larger ones. If attended to when first noticed it will save both your purse and sight. Dr. Goldberg, Graduate Refractionist, Room 36, Park Hotel.

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ROBINSON SAYS THINGS ABOUT RAMSEY

NOT A ONE MINE CAMP BY ANY MANNER OF MEANS—TOO EARLY TO MAKE GREAT PREDICTIONS. BUT SURFACE SHOWING IS GREATEST IN THE WHOLE STATE.

T. A. Robinson of Goldfield and Ramsey, is in this city attending to some matters in connection with the new camp.

He said, when asked for his opinion of the new district that he considers it one of the greatest things in the way of surface showings in the State of Nevada, and that is going some.

He describes the mineral belt as six miles in extent and says that there are more ledges in the belt than the discovery, or Clark bonanza, on which he has bought an extension of 1500 feet.

There are 100 men in the camp and more are coming in all the time. Several stores have been started and the township company, of which Robinson is the head, is developing water as fast as possible.

Virginia City is wild over the showing made on the surface, but Robinson, like all cautious men, says it is too early to begin to predict, as the work has not been extensive enough to show what is there.

"One thing is certain," said he, "Ramsey has the greatest showing on the surface that I ever saw. It is one great field of porphyritic ledge matter, and there are several rich ledges in addition to the Clark ledge, but nothing has been said about them for fear of litigation that might follow the announcement that they are worth having."

"I have faith in the new camp and am willing to spend several thousand dollars in the proposition. I am waiting now for some assays on other ledges in the district and on the extension we have bought on the Clark ledge, and will know more about what is there when I get them. One great beauty of the camp is that one can be worked so cheaply that \$15 rock will pay."

"Everything is alive in the new township and men are going in at two rates of ten or a dozen a day. Some stay and some leave again. I think that Ramsey is only another point on the huge deposit of porphyritic quartz that lies along the east side of the Sierras, from the Colorado river to the north of Pyramid Lake. Bullfrog is one name, Goldfield, Mammoth, Round Mountain, Come, Ramsey, Virginia City and Olinghouse are others, including Fairview, for a branch of it seems to have run out there."

"Ramsey is not a one mine camp by any manner of means, and I believe that when the work is done on the strikes in this district, and it is found that they go down, Ramsey will be second to no camp in the State, or in the world for that matter, for it has enormous ledges of good ore. Goldfield is without doubt the premier camp for richness to the ton, but other camps have produced more and will do so again."

Keep your eye on Ramsey.

SCIENCE CONQUERS

A full knowledge of the eye and perfect skill to refract it can only be acquired by long and hard study, it means more than the mere selling of spectacles. The eyesight specialist gives his undivided time and attention to his special work and thereby becomes an expert. Eyes examined FREE. Dr. Goldberg, Graduate Refractionist, Room 36, Park Hotel.